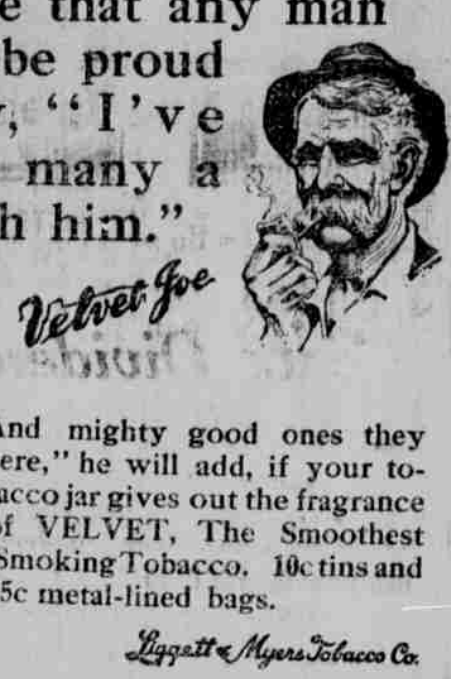


SO live that any man will be proud to say, "I've smoked many a pipe with him."



And mighty good ones they were," he will add, if your tobacco jar gives out the fragrance of VELVET, The Smoothest Smoking Tobacco. 10c tins and 5c metal-lined bags.

Leggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

Bears the Signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher

In Use For Over 30 Years
The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Your Coal Bills ARE MIGHTY IMPORTANT ITEMS



WHY not take a little time to look into this COAL question and select for REGULAR use the coal that measures up to the highest point of efficiency.

You will find that coal to be—celebrated D. & H.—

FIRST, LAST and ALWAYS

CHEAPEST-IN-THE-END COAL

THE HENRY M. TUTTLE CO.

13 DEPOT ST.

Phone 4

To Look Well

It is necessary to feel well. That means wholesome nourishing food—and that means

New Era Bread
Wrapped Loaf—10c at Your Grocer's

T. A. DAVENPORT

Tel. 299

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

THE EVENING BANNER BENNINGTON - VERMONT

Subscription Rates
Per Month .25
Per Year \$3.00

All subscriptions payable in advance.

Entered at the Postoffice, Bennington, Vt., Dec. 11, 1903, as Second Class Matter

FRANK E. HOWE, Editor and Pub.

Monday, January 4, 1915.

Gov. Allen M. Fletcher made Jerry Bradley, who has served 25 years of a life sentence at Windsor for murder, a Christmas present in the form of a parole or conditional pardon. Mr. Bradley is 59 years old and may be able to take up the thread of free life and become a self-supporting and honorable citizen but we fear the chances are against him. If he fails the governor has not benefited the state or Bradley either. He had forfeited his right to freedom by committing murder during a drunken melee and the chances that he will be of any benefit to society at this late day are so small that the wisdom of the act will be questioned. The greatest preventative of crime is the certainty of punishment, and if the state is to be best served the certainty that a life sentence means for life should be as great as a sentence to be executed.—St. Johnsbury Caledonian.

The Banner fears that the Caledonian is allowing its dislike of Governor Fletcher to warp its judgment in this matter. Justice does not require cruelty and torture and it would seem to us that 25 years in prison with a good record there justify the governor's parole. It seems to us that Christianity, humanity and brotherly love all urge and command that Jerry Bradley be given a chance, after 25 years at hard labor in state prison, to attempt to live outside a cell. The average duration of life in prison confinement is said to be only about 17 years and Bradley has spent that time and eight years more within the narrow confines of Windsor prison. Governor after governor during the past 29 years in the kindness of their hearts have paroled life prisoners whose crimes have been as serious as that for which Bradley was convicted. Poor old Jerry has stayed on and on while others have been freed. He was black, he came from outside the state, he had no influential friends and yet he has remained cheerful and hopeful. Years ago Father McGarry baptised him into the church and he has tried in a humble way to follow its teachings. We are astonished that there is a single man in the state of Vermont who is not willing to give Jerry one more chance. The crime too was not as revolting as the Caledonian infers. There was a suspicion at the time that the white men in the case joined in fastening the worst end of it upon Jerry because he was black and this suspicion has been partially sustained by the subsequent record of some of the other men. He was not a drunkard or a man in the habit of drinking and his previous record until that one evil night in bad company was in his favor. The jury which heard the case recognized the element of doubt by its verdict of murder in the second degree. The Banner sincerely believes that Governor Fletcher has done a most commendable and Christian act in paroling Jerry Bradley.

If theories worked out

and circumstances over which we have no control were always kind, ninety-seven per cent of men would not as now prove unsuccessful. As against theory we advise the practical protection of family and old age income contracts which take a nominal amount out of the risk of business each year and give the service when needed. National Life Ins. Co., of Vt. (Mutual). Earle S. Kinsley, General Agent, Mead Building, Rutland, Vt. Adv.

Little Wonder Workers

Cole's Little Wonder Workers, the liver pill that contains the new cathartic Phenolphthalein and the old cathartic Aloin combined to make the most effective little liver pill you ever had. Prompt safe and sure relief in any case of disordered stomach, constipation, biliousness, and liver troubles. Forty little sugar coated pellets for 25c. Sold only by Harold W. Cole, Pharmacist.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

P. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known P. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SALARIES OF SINGERS.

Present Day Stars Would Laugh at These Old Time Payments.

In the good old days of 200 years ago or so singers and actors gave the world their greatest efforts for what was undoubtedly considered excellent remuneration, but what in these enlightened times of high priced voices and talents would seem to be pitifully small. And who shall say the performers of the past were not fully as capable as the pampered darlings of the present?

The highest salary paid went to Chasse, who received 3,000 livres, or \$600, a year as her fixed salary, 1,000 livres extra for perquisites, 1,200 livres for Easter and 200 for bread, wine and boots, in those days an extraordinary allowance.

Mlle. Aneler, the first soprano of her day, was a close second, with 4,800 francs, or nearly \$1,000, a year. Today a prima donna receives more than that for a single evening. In a year "La Camargo," the most beautiful woman of her day, received in francs what many of the lesser singers of today receive in a week in dollars—2,700 francs.

Louis XIV. had the reputation of being a most generous manager and dramatic agent, since he granted 200 livres (about \$40) for the first ten performances and about 100 livres for the following. The deviser of the ballet received 120 livres for the first six performances and sixty for later ones.—Argonaut.

RING OF THE FISHERMAN.

Used by the Popes to Seal Documents of the Holy See.

The ring of the fisherman used by the pope exclusively to seal documents of the holy see shows an engraved figure of St. Peter, the first bishop of Rome, standing in a boat and flinging with two hands a net into the sea.

In 1809, when the French occupied the city of Rome, Pius VII. then pope, was ordered by General Radet to surrender the fisherman's ring. The pontiff refused. He feared that by means of the sanction of the ring the French government would be enabled to issue dangerous documents.

When finally forced to surrender it the pope altered the engraving or stamp with the view of making it useless to his enemies. This seal thus defaced was forwarded to Paris by the French general in command at Rome. Pius VII. in the absence of the fisherman's ring, made use of an iron seal engraved with the figures of Sts. Peter and Paul and inscribed with the words, "Pro Annulo Piscatoris" (in lieu of the fisherman's ring).

The fisherman's ring was kept in Paris until Napoleon I. was overthrown, when it was returned to the sovereign pontiff. The ring is used only to seal briefs. The bulls, more important documents, are stamped with the leaden seal of the ancient parchments.—Indianapolis News.

Why the Earth Cannot Explode.

The theory is frequently advanced that planets and even suns sometimes explode and that the earth may some day blow up like a bombshell. No celestial body the size of the earth could possibly explode. If the entire molten interior of our globe could be replaced with nitroglycerin and detonated the explosion would not lift the earth's crust. In other words, if we assume that the crust of the earth is from fifty to a hundred miles in thickness it would require something much more powerful than even nitroglycerin to burst the shell. It is necessary only to do a little figuring to see that the pressure of the earth's crust at a depth of from fifty to a hundred miles far exceeds the pressure exerted by the most powerful high explosive.—Hudson Maxim.

Reckless.

A colored man and his finest girl walked into a drug store. The man bought a one-cent picture postcard and a one-cent postage stamp. As he started to place the stamp on the postcard the colored woman walked toward the front door.

"Wait a minute, Susie," said the colored man. "I'm not near through." The colored man turned to the clerk and bought a package of chewing gum. As the couple walked out of the drug store the colored man was heard to remark, "There's no limit to me, Susie, when I'm out with you."—Indianapolis News.

Appropriate.

"That's a queer design you have in the corner of your billhead," remarked Shopsy.

"It's merely a little flower," replied the tailor.

"Think it's appropriate, eh?" "Yes, it's a forget-me-not."—Philadelphia Press.

Do You Wear One?

One thing you can wear year in and year out, that never grows monotonous, that never is unbecoming, that people are always glad to see, that never has to be made over or trimmed or sent to the cleaner's, is a smile.—Florida Times Union.

Wasting Money.

"I guess it's just as well I didn't marry that girl. She evidently has no idea of the value of money."

"How's that?" "Spent 60 cents postage sending me a bunch of old love letters."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Business.

New Son-in-law—Here's only 19,000 marks. You promised my wife a dowry of 20,000. Father-in-law—I always knock off 2 per cent for cash.—The Gentle Blatter.

Ask the Merchants

THEIR OPINION OF

The Christmas Savings Club

CONDUCTED BY THE

BENNINGTON COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

DURING THE PAST YEAR

REMEMBER

We introduced this system to Bennington and we extend a cordial invitation to old and young to join our Club for 1915.

We pay interest at 2 per cent. to all members who make the full fifty payments.

Seven different classes to choose from as follows:

5 cents, first payment, increased by five cents each week, result \$63.75 with interest at 2 per cent.

\$2.50 first payment, decreased by 5 cents each week, result \$63.75 with interest at 2 per cent.

2 cents, first payment, increased by two cents each week, result \$25.50, with interest at 2 per cent.

\$1.00 first payment, decreased by 2 cents each week, result \$25.50 with interest at 2 per cent.

\$.50 per week—result \$25.00—with interest at 2 per cent.

\$1.00 per week—result \$50.00—with interest at 2 per cent.

\$2.00 per week—result \$100.00—with interest at 2 per cent.

JOIN NOW

Join the Christmas Club at the BENNINGTON COUNTY NATIONAL BANK.

The CLUB which made Xmas, 1914, a happy and prosperous one for Bennington.

LONDON'S SLUM BABIES.

Gutter Children That Thrive Where They Court Death.

London gutter babies are immune to ordinary diseases and thrive under conditions that would be death to other children, said Dr. Thomas, health officer of the Finsbury district. Dr. Thomas works in the most congested of the London boroughs, where 6,000 families live and sleep in 6,000 rooms.

"Some of these babies," he says, "as soon or even before they are, able to crawl, are placed on the sidewalks early in the day, to be watched or nursed by a girl of four or five years. They are true gutter children. Sometimes the immature nurse falls asleep, wearied by her task, and the baby crawls to the other side of the road, heedless of traffic. Both are filthy and gutter stained, but they seem to live. In fact, the stock from which they have sprung rises superior to the ordinary diseases of childhood." Among the cases reported are these:

A baby four months old was given a piece of raw fat and bacon to chew, because the grandmother said bacon was good for babies and canaries. One baby was dosed with stout and abused by the mother as a cure for colic.

Another baby of nine weeks was fed chiefly on weak tea.

Dr. Thomas complains of the Salter's Gammas, who act as nurses in the district, undoing the work of the doctors in many cases. He says their arrogance is equalled only by their ignorance.—New York Tribune.

Commission Government.

According to the federal census bureau, there are 195 cities in the United States with a population in excess of 50,000. Of these 195 cities sixty-nine have adopted the commission form of government, the success of which is evidenced by the fact that, while the average per capita operating expenses of all the cities is \$17.34 per year, only five cities under commission government—Sacramento, Cal.; San Diego, Cal.; Pasadena, Cal.; Denver, Colo., and Atlantic City, N. J.—exceed this average. In the case of Denver the average of operating is offset by the exceedingly low per capita debt of only \$3.32.

Vengeance.

"I wonder at your allowing Mr. to marry your daughter. I thought you were mortal enemies."

"That's just the reason. Now he will have my wife for his mother-in-law."—Exchange.

THE PRUDENT MAN.

The prudent man always studies seriously and earnestly to understand whatever he professes to understand and not merely to persuade people that he understands it, and though his talents may not always be very brilliant they are always perfectly genuine.—Adam Smith.

Library - Theatre

TODAY

There will be Two Full Shows Tonight to enable a lot to see a big \$2 production for 10c.

First show from 7:30 to 9—Second, from 9 to 10:30.

The Shuberts present through the World Film Co.

Seats of the Mighty

In Six intensely interesting parts. By Sir Gilbert Parker, with Lionel Barrymore and an all star cast.

Those who can, conveniently, should wait for the second show tonight.

TOMORROW

Everybody's favorite Anita Stewart in a Broadway Star feature.

The Painted World

In three parts.

NO FAIRLY GOOD FIRE INSURANCE

Sold at the Harrison I. Norton Agency

Insurance that Insures of The Very Highest Class is the only kind we furnish. Rates no higher than the undesirable kind

Harrison I. Norton

GEORGE H. THOMPSON, M. D.
PRACTICE LIMITED TO
EYE, EAR, NOSE
AND THROAT
18 Ashland Street
NORTH ADAMS - MASS.

Planing Mill
RAL WOODWORKING SHOP, CABINET WORK & FURNITURE REPAIRING
Norman W. Edgerton
McCall Street Phone 288-14